



Valley Forge National Historical Park Construction Project Updates

January 29, 2007

Project Management Weekly Update

Week of January 22nd, 2007 – January 27th, 2007

Accomplishments at Washington's Headquarters:

- a. A walk-through of the Train Station was made on January 26th. The punch that was developed last week is now complete.
- b. Washington's Headquarters (phase I) is 95% complete. Remaining punch list items are reseeding the historic landscape and the realignment of 30ft of walkway, both of which will be completed in the spring due to current weather conditions.

Accomplishments Inner Line Drive and Parking lot removal:

- a. Cleaned 14,000 lineal feet of road material from the Historic Hand Laid Stone Gutters and reset damaged or missing stones.
- b. Washington Upper parking lot has 100% of the grading and contouring completed. The final raking and seeding will take place in the spring.
- c. Fort Huntington's parking lot has 100% of the grading and contouring completed. The final raking and seeding will take place in the spring.
- d. Tower Road and parking lot has 98% of the filling, grading and contouring completed. The remaining filling, grading and contouring will be completed by January 31, 2007. The final raking and seeding will take place in the spring.

Accomplishments Orchard Lane

- a. Midgley, Blair and Boyer House work is complete: exteriors have been painted, exterior siding has been installed, and roof shingles, gutters and downspouts have been replaced.

Work Plan for week of January 29th through February 3, 2007

PA Route 23:

a. The first phase of major road improvements will *tentatively* begin in the park on **February 1, 2007**. Route 23 will be closed to traffic and detoured through the park from 9:00 p.m. through 5 a.m. Monday through Friday beginning February 1, 2007. ***See below for more information***

Inner Line Drive:

- a. Continue with the hand laying of replacement stones on West Inner Line Drive
- b. Continue cleaning of the Historic Hand Laid Stone gutters.
- c. Continue the filling, grading and contouring at Tower Road and parking lot.

West Inner Line along with Inner Line Spur will remain closed. Do to unsafe conditions.

Beginning Monday 23 November 2006 Inner Line Drive will be CLOSED and will remain closed until the gutter work is finished and the road surface has been milled down. The closure will be from the intersection of Valley Forge Road (RT 23) to Gulph Road this includes Inner Line Spur Road, and from Gulph Road to Artillery Park Picnic Area. The reason for this closure is that in many places along the Inner Line where the Gutters have been cleaned there is as much as a 6” drop off from the road surface to the gutter. This drop off presents a safety hazard to vehicles. Inner line will also be closed to pedestrians as well as bicycle traffic. The machinery that is being used presents a hazard to visitors.

*****ROAD CLOSURE AND DETOUR*****

Pennsylvania State Route 23 (“Valley Forge Road”)

The first phase of major road improvements will tentatively begin in the Park on **February 1, 2007**. Route 23 will be closed to traffic and detoured through the park from 9:00 p.m. through 5 a.m. Monday through Friday beginning February 1, 2007. The period of construction may last until August, 2007. The road closure will be from the intersection of RT 23 “Valley Forge Road” and County Line Road to the intersection of RT 23 and Richards Road. The detour will be clearly identified with directional signs as well as traffic control flagging personnel.

This road closure will allow the Utility Companies for water, electric, gas and telecommunications to relocate their equipment within the new utility corridor. This utility corridor realignment is required because of the realignment of RT 23 from County Line road to Richards’s road. This is the first phase of a much larger PennDot construction project which will rebuild the Trooper Road Bridge crossing the Schuylkill River, widen PA Route 422 in both directions and improve the on and off ramps on RT 422 at Valley Forge and Trooper roads.